GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

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CODE OF ETHICS FOR MEDIA
Paraste Shri Dalpat Singh

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether any lapse has been noticed on the part of media during the recent Gujjar agitation in various parts of the country, particularly in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, whether the Government has felt the necessity to evolve a code of 'ethics' for reporting such events;

(c) if so, whether any State has approached the Union Government/the Ministry of Law in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the reaction of the Government thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI)

(a) & (b) : Role of the media during Gujjar agitation has come to the attention of the Govt.The Supreme Court of India has also taken suo motu notice of the damage done during recent Gujjar agitation and set up a committee headed by Shri F.S. Nariman to examine the role of media in the cases where there is destruction/damage to properties and loss of lives or injuries to persons. A nominee of Ministry of Information & Broadcasting is also one of the members of this committee. The first meeting on the committee was held on 30/7/07.

(c),(d)& (e) No such request has been received from any State in this regard.